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SUBJECT: Support Letter for West Patagonia Water Developments. Phase 2
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I recently had the opportunity to review phase 2 of the West Patagonia Water Development
projects proposal, and am writing this in support of this endeavor. Upon completion of
this project, yearlong water will be available for livestock and wildlife. This project
also will improve habitat by allowing livestock operators' better dispersal of livestock
through the addition of new pipeline as well as ensuring dependable year-round water
through the improvement of Alisos well. The development of water lots, through the
construction of wildlife approved fence design, will allow control of livestock access,
while still allowing yearlong wildlife access.

Overall, the completion of this phase will greatly enhance the utilization of available
habitat for livestock and wildlife. Additionally, hunter concentrations that have been
an issue in the past will be minimized due to the ability of wildlife to disperse
throughout habitat types due to the addition of perennial water availability.

With excellent quality habitat for whitetail and javelina throughout the project area,
populations should improve through better livestock and water distribution. Lastly, both
phases of this project have developed partnerships that will result in long term success
in the improvement of ecological health.